Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A composition of matter~~ An anhydrous topical composition consisting of an adsorbent binding carrier and a polyphenol in an anhydrous mixture, wherein said polyphenol is adsorbed to said binding carrier.

2. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, additionally comprising an anhydrous topical cram, gel or ointment, wherein the polyphenol adsorbed to said adsorbent binding carrier is evenly disbursed within the cream, gel or ointment, and wherein said polyphenol will be released on and into the skin when the cream, gel or ointment is applied thereto.

3. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the polyphenol comprises polyphenols derived from tea (*Camellia sinensis*) or green tea.

4. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the binding carrier is selected from the group consisting of talcs and clays, alginates, algae, agars, gums, gelatins, celluloses, silica, silica gels, simethicone, salicylates, silicates and silicone resins, tragacanths, calcium carbonates and magnesium and zinc oxides.

5. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 4, wherein the binding carrier is silica or a silica gel.

6. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 4, wherein the binding carrier is a salicylates or a silicates.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 4, wherein the binding is a magnesium or zinc oxides.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment comprises saturated or unsaturated plant oils or waxes.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the oils or waxes are natural plant oils or waxes.

Claims 10-17 (canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 9, wherein said natural plant oils or waxes are shea butter, aloe vera, almond oil, olive oil, avocado oil, coconut oil, jojoba oil or avena sativa oil.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 1 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 2 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

21. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 3 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

22. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 4 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 5 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

24. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 6 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 7 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

26. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 8 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

27. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 9 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of formulating a composition according to claim 10 comprising the steps of:

a. triturating an adsorbent binding carrier with a polyphenol until uniform; and

b. subsequently adding an anhydrous topical cream, gel or ointment base.